

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 17, 2004 AS "SID GUTIERREZ DAY IN THE
3 SENATE".

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5 WHEREAS, Sid Gutierrez became an astronaut in June 1985
6 and commanded two space shuttle missions; and

7 WHEREAS, he was the first Hispanic to become both a
8 pilot and commander of a space shuttle; and

9 WHEREAS, he logged over four thousand five hundred hours
10 of flying time in the United States air force before joining
11 NASA's astronaut corps; and

12 WHEREAS, he is a native New Mexican, born in June 1951
13 in Albuquerque, and he graduated from Valley high school in
14 1969; and

15 WHEREAS, he attended the air force academy, earning a
16 bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering in
17 1973, and Webster college, earning a master's degree in
18 management in 1977; and

19 WHEREAS, he is the recipient of the distinguished flying
20 cross, the legion of merit and the defense superior service
21 medal; and

22 WHEREAS, he retired from NASA and is now a manager at
23 Sandia national laboratories;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in recognition of and gratitude for

1 his distinguished service to the country and to New Mexico,
2 February 17, 2004 be declared "Sid Gutierrez Day in the
3 Senate".

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